

Interested in Cover Crops?

St. Lawrence County Soil & Water Conservation District

2023 Cover Crop Program

Have you tried using cover crops yet? Now is a great time to try implementing cover crops into your field rotations with our incentive based cover crop reimbursement program!

Cover crops are a valuable tool in improving soil health. They can improve productivity, profitability, and sustainability in agricultural operations by:

- Recycling excess nutrients
- Increase yields
- Prevent soil erosion
- Builds soil organic matter
- Stores nitrogen
- Reduce soil compaction
- Improve rainfall infiltration
- Control weeds

This is a reimbursement program, and priority will be given to producers who have not previously worked with us to implement cover crops and/or have not planted cover crops in the last three years. Participation in the Agricultural Environmental Program (AEM) is required. Our staff will conduct an on-site, confidential environmental evaluation and develop an AEM cover crop plan. A reimbursement rate of \$70/acre will be awarded for up to 50 acres per farm. Qualified fields will include those planted in row crops this year and the following year and may be ranked based on environmental factors if there are more applicants than funding. This incentive is designed to encourage you to try cover crops and experience the benefits firsthand.

This table provides an example of common cover crop implementation requirements. There are other species to choose from depending on your goals and crop rotations.

Some cover crop species may have an earlier planting date or be sold out locally, so the sooner you submit an application to our office the better.

Crop Species examples	Winter Rye/Wheat
Seeding Rate (if drilling)	112 lbs./ac
Seeding Rate (if broadcast)	140 lbs./ac
Seeding Depth	.5 – 1.5 inches
Seeding Date	October 10th

Applications available at www.slcswcd.org and are due by **August 14th**

Completed applications can be emailed to jevonnah@slcswcd.org

or dropped off at the office: **1942 Old DeKalb Rd. Canton.**

If you have any questions or want more information please contact Jevonnah Foster before the **August 14th** deadline by phone: **315-386-3582**

or email: jevonnah@slcswcd.org

If you call please leave a message as we may be in the field or assisting others in the office at that time.



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